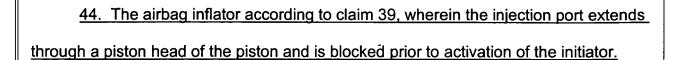
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- 45. The airbag inflator according to claim 40, wherein the rheological fluid is electro-rheological fluid.
- 46. The airbag inflator according to claim 40, wherein the inflator is configured to provide a regenerative pumping stroke.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please amend the drawings as indicated in the Request for Approval of Drawings filed herewith.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 4, 14, 16-19, 29, 30, 32 and 34-37, and added new claims 39-46. Accordingly, claims 1-46 are pending in this reissue application.

The requested change to Fig. 1 set forth in red in the Request for Approval of Drawing Change further clarifies that different fluids contained in chamber 46 and reservoir 49.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.



Respectfully submitted,

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